

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 22 and 24-26 are now pending in the application, with Claims 20, 22 and 26 being independent. Claims 1-9, 15-19, 21 and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 20, 22 and 26 have been amended herein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that Claims 6, 21, 23 and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have amended Claim 20 to include the features of Claim 21, Claim 22 to include the features of Claim 23, and Claim 26 into independent form, and consequently these claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action set forth rejections of Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 15-20, 22, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1-9, 15-19, 21 and 23 have all been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance. In particular, it is Applicants' current intention to file a divisional application, to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims.

Claims 7 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Applicants have cancelled Claim 7. As to Claim 22, the original language clearly states that the

generated voltage is adjusted based on a voltage divided by the internal resistance and the resistance. That is, the claim clearly states how the internal resistance is used to adjust the generated voltage. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph, rejection are requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 20, 22 and 26. Dependent Claims 24 and 25 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in independent Claim 22. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objection and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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